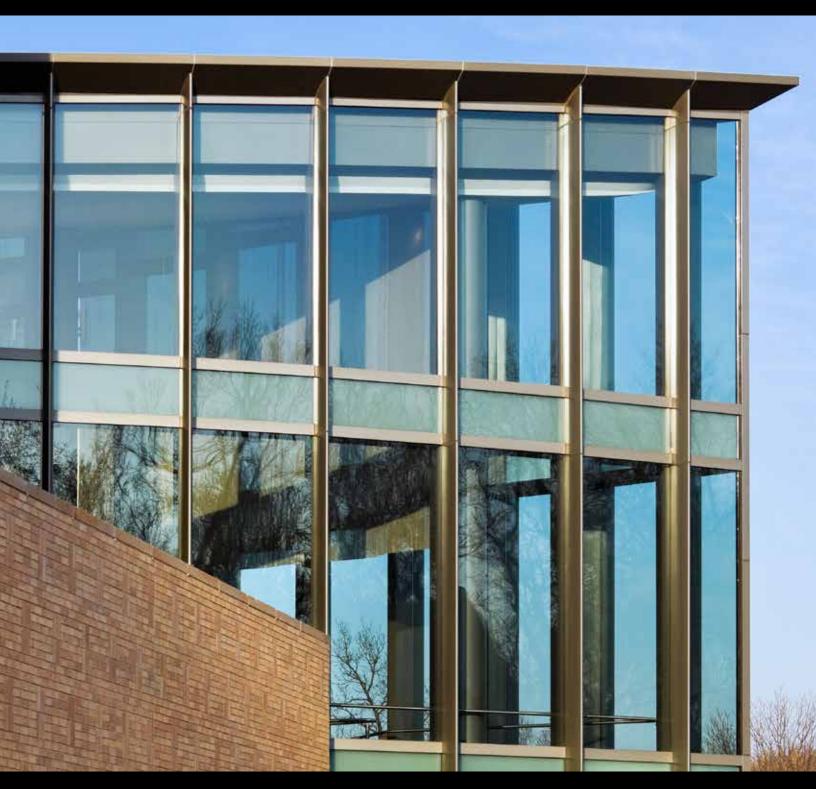


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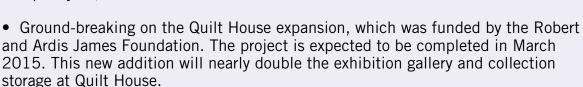
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Annual Report 2013-2014

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the interim executive director, it was my honor to serve as a bridge between the loyal tenure of Founding Director Dr. Patricia Crews and the newly appointed Ardis and Robert James Executive Director, Leslie Levy. This change in leadership signals an important time of transition for everyone involved in the International Quilt Study Center & Museum at Quilt House. We are proud of the accomplishments achieved this past year, which include:





Alice Kinsler

- Quadrupling the Museum Shop's inventory and physical space. The modernization has delighted visitors while also becoming a vital source of earned income to support operations.
- Launching "The American Story," the first module of *World Quilts*, the IQSCM's new auxiliary website. You can read more about this project on page 6 of this report.

It has been a joy being a member of the talented team and working with donors, volunteers, International Advisory Board members, Friends of the IQSCM, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I wish everyone success as they continue to work together collecting, preserving, studying and exhibiting. May everyone continue to surprise and delight Quilt House visitors while providing opportunities for scholars to discover and expand our knowledge of quilts and quiltmaking traditions from many cultures, countries and times.

With gratitude,

Alice Kinsler
Interim Executive Director of Quilt House

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I prepared for my public presentation back in January, it became apparent to me that the IQSCM was built on one ideal—vision. Today, we are the benefactors of the collective vision of the James family, the University of Nebraska, Dr. Patricia Crews and countless others who conceived of, and created, this world-class institution.

I'm amazed at how that vision thrives in the quilters and artists who inspire us through their work; the experts who research and create the exhibitions; and the specialists who preserve and protect the textiles. Delivering on that vision wouldn't be possible without the docents and volunteers who ensure visitors have a rich and rewarding experience.



Leslie Levy

I am humbled and honored to be trusted as the next steward of that vision, and to be part of the team that ensures it only grows more vivid as we move into the future.

With warm regards,

Leslie C. Levy Ardis and Robert James Executive Director of Quilt House

OUR MISSION

The International Quilt Study Center & Museum's mission is to inspire an understanding of the cultural and artistic significance of quilts by collecting, preserving, studying, exhibiting and promoting discovery of quilts and quiltmaking traditions from many cultures, countries and times.



The International Quilt Study Center & Museum 2013-2014 leadership team, Joy Shalla Glenn, left, Laura Chapman, Leslie C. Levy, Jennifer Walker Graham, Dean Young, Carolyn Ducey, Marin Hanson, Jonathan Gregory, Alice Kinsler, Mary Ourecky and Kim Taylor.

Leslie C. Levy

Ardis and Robert James Executive Director of Quilt House

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WEBSITE STATISTICS

July 1, 2013 -June 30, 2014

Visit us at www.quiltstudy.org

The most
viewed Quilt of
the Month was Star
Puzzle, Blazing Star
variation by Nora Ezell,
at left, featured in
February 2014

37,987 people visited our website on mobile devices 103,269 unique
visitors for a total
of 478,735 page
views — this includes
64,534 first-time
visitors

COLLECTIONS & PRESERVATION

Collections is the heart of the IQSCM. It encompasses the essential components of exhibitions, the primary textile documents for students and scholars who use them for research and education, and the source of inspiration for artists.

As the museum's collection expands to include ephemera and textiles that go beyond the scope of traditional quilts, this year the team made changes and additions to storage and record-keeping practices.

For example, a new sub-zero freezer was installed in the museum's isolation room thanks

Kim Taylor, operations manager, places a new acquisition in the museum's new sub-zero freezer.

to a generous donation from the Sarah Lahr Educational Fund. It is used to process new items to ensure foreign materials, such as insects and eggs, do not enter the storage area and contaminate other items. The team also added new fields and forms to the database, which will allow researchers, scholars and curators to more thoroughly and accurately identify objects in the collection.

The team gave dozens of behindthe-scenes tours for visitors, donors and school groups

ACQUISITIONS

In 2013-2014, the IQSCM acquired more than 20 new Chinese ethnic minority patchwork and appliqué quilt covers in addition to more than 20 new quilts and examples of patchwork from India. This includes a Parsi wedding quilt, quilted bullock covers and several pieces from the previously underrepresented state of Karnataka.

The museum also expanded its Central Asia collection with a dozen children's patchwork garments from the Turkmen people.

In addition to collecting in current focus areas (India, China, Central Asia), the team hopes to continue to grow its Japanese and Australian collections and also expand into Eastern Europe, Africa and South America.

The Collections team and volunteers refolded 2,022 quilts

A GLANCE
AT 2013-2014
IN THE DILLOW
CONSERVATION WORK
ROOM & STORAGE

98,932 people visited "Search the Collections" on www. quiltstudy.org

The team
surveyed and
added 205 new
objects into the
museum's Collections
Database

This year, the IQSCM supplemented its collection of kits and patterns by adding quilts from known designers such as Marie Webster, Anne Orr, Ruby McKim and Eleanor Beard as well as kit companies,

Paragon, Progress and Needlecraft Company.



EXHIBITIONS

WORLD QUILTS

In December, the IQSCM launched "The American Story," the first module of *World Quilts*, a comprehensive online resource about global quiltmaking traditions.

"The American Story" serves as a clearinghouse of accurate and engaging information about American quilt history created from the IQSCM's collection, more than 15 years of scholarly research, existing online resources and the resources of other important organizations, such as the American Quilt Study Group, the Quilt Index and the Quilt Alliance. The website moves existing quilt studies scholarship beyond disciplinary boundaries to integrate quilts within a broader art and humanities context. It serves as a starting place for

BY THE NUMBERS

300+ ≈100

Quilt images shared Pages

content

of

New modules in progress

anyone who wants to learn about the role of quilts in American society, past and present.

The IQSCM and partners are developing three more modules: "UK and American Crazy Quilts," "Crusading Quilts: Social Reform and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union," and "World Quilts: An Overview." Like "The American Story," future modules will draw upon research strengths of IQSCM staff, fellows, associate fellows, fellowship award recipients, board members, and others.

INTERPRETIVE MEDIA PROJECTS

To expand the museum-going experience for visitors, the IQSCM produced several interactive media elements to accompany exhibitions. In addition to being featured in the galleries, these materials, which include videos, Pinterest boards and more, are also available to virtual visitors through our website and social-media platforms.

Notable new features include:

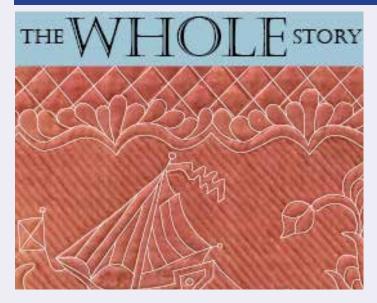
- A partnership with Textiles Merchandising and Fashion Design lecturer Michael Burton and his grant-funded student team, The Vault, to create a stop-motion animation iPad display for *The Whole Story*; a short animation that superimposed quilt drawings with photography; and an animation for *Design Dynamics* of Log Cabin Quilts, which illustrates the patterns that can be created in Log Cabin quilts by changing the arrangement of individual blocks.
- A collaboration with UNL Professor of Art Sandra Williams and Park Middle School art teacher Nissa Sturgeon to facilitate a student interpretive project that accompanied Expanding the Collection: New Acquisitions. UNL students worked with Park Middle School students to research and create TumbIr pages that explored the quilts in the exhibition.

"Posing with
Patchwork" was
the most viewed
online exhibition
between July 1, 2013
and June 30, 2014,
with 4,550 views

Visit http:// worldquilts. quiltstudy.org/ to view World Quilts

Visit http://
www.quiltstudy.
org/exhibitions/ to
view current, online
and upcoming
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2013-2014 MAIN GALLERY EXHIBITION CALENDAR



OCTOBER 4, 2013 - JUNE 1, 2014



DECEMBER 6, 2013 - AUGUST 31, 2014



MARCH 7, 2014 - NOVEMBER 29, 2014



JUNE 6, 2014 – FEBRUARY 28, 2015

OTHER EXHIBITIONS

EDUCATION GALLERY

- *Quilts Under the Microscope*, 7/9/2013 Ongoing
- AQSG Colonial Revival Study Quilts, 8/20/13 – 12/14/13
- Pieces of Childhood: A Look at Doll Quilts from the Mary Ghormley Collection, 12/17/13
 Ongoing

TRAVELING

- Design Dynamics of Log Cabin Quilts
 - AccuQuilt Art Gallery, Omaha, NE, 8/29/13 – 1/27/14
 - Fort Scott National Historic Site, KS, 3/24/14 – 4/16/14
- Quilts of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum,
 Mormon Trail Center, Omaha,
 NE, 9/3/13 – 10/1/13
- Perfecting the Past: Colonial Revival Quilts, Dane G.
 Hansen Museum, Logan, KS, 10/11/13 – 12/1/13

EDUCATION & DISCOVERY

PUBLICATIONS

Patricia Cox Crews and Marin Hanson. "Quilts Under the Microscope: An Educational Initiative Communicating Conservation and Care Issues for Quilts and Heirloom Textiles." In *The Public Face of Conservation*, ed. by Emily Williams., pp. 149-155. London: Archetype Publications Ltd., 2013.

PRESENTATIONS

"5,000 Objects and Counting." Ohio Valley Quilters' Guild, Cincinnati, OH, June 2, 2014, Jennifer Graham.

"Behind the Scenes of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum." Heritage Needlework Guild, Nebraska City, NE, Nov. 26, 2013, Laura Chapman.

"The Engineer Who Could: The Quiltmaking of Ernest B. Haight." Anna Bemis Palmer Museum, York, NE, Sept. 7, 2013, Jonathan Gregory.

"The Fundamentals: An Institutional Code of Ethics." Mountain Plains Museum Association, Lincoln, NE, Oct. 2, 2013, Patricia Crews.

"Getting to Know the Neighbors: Education and Outreach at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum." Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Church, Lincoln, NE, March 16, 2014, Jennifer Graham.

"The Importance of Being Ernest." International Quilt Study Center & Museum, Lincoln, NE, Feb. 7, 2014, Jonathan Gregory.

"Quilts in Common: Around the World and Across the Centuries." Sioux City Public Museum, Sioux City, NE, 2014, Marin Hanson.

"Quilts of the American South" DePaul Art Museum Chicago, IL. April 12, 2014, Carolyn Ducey.

"Quilts Under the Microscope: Communicating, Convservation and Care Issues." Mountain Plains Museum Association, Lincoln, NE, Oct. 2, 2013, Patricia Cox Crews and Marin Hanson.

"The Star Quilt Industry on Fort Peck Indian Reservation." Kaw Valley Quilters Guild, Lawrence, KS, July 2013, Kim Taylor.

"Why Did Ernest Haight Make Quilts?" American Quilt Study Group Seminar, Charleston, SC, Sept. 21, 2013, Jonathan Gregory.

"Why Study Quilts?" Shaoxing University-College of Art & Design, Shaoxing, China, May, 20, 2014, Marin Hanson.

GRANTS

James Foundation Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation. \$301,974. "American Quilts in the Industrial Age, 1750-1870, Research and Publication Grant. James Foundation Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation. 1/2014 – 7/2017. (P.Crews and C. Ducey, Principal Investigators) Humanities Nebraska Grant. \$4,500. "The Engineer Who Could: Ernest Haight's Half Century of Quiltmaking." (P. Crews and J. Gregory, co-P.I.)

Publications and presentations include those by IQSCM staff, fellows and graduate students, as well as graduates whose scholarship was initiated while at UNL.

TEXTILE HISTORY/QUILT STUDIES GRADUATES

The graduate program in textile history with a quilt studies emphasis is a unique degree offered by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design. Its combination of rigorous coursework and hands-on experience in collections care and exhibitions produces graduates ready to assume positions in museums, historical societies and other pursuits.

Currently, seven textile history/quilt studies students are pursuing degrees in the graduate program. Since the formation of the IQSC in 1997, 41 students have completed the Textile History/Quilt Studies program.

AUGUST 2013-MAY 2014 GRADUATES

Amanda Lensch – MA, August 2013 Donna Langford – MA, August 2013 Cindy DeLong – MA, December 2013

QUILT STUDIES CERTIFICATION

Beginning in Fall 2014, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Quilt Studies.

The Certificate Program allows graduate and post-baccalaureate students to gain scholarly credentials in Quilt Studies. The Quilt Studies Certificate strengthens credentials of curators, collection managers, appraisers, collectors, and educators.

The certificate is open to graduate students currently enrolled in graduate degree programs at UNL and as a standalone (non-degree) post-baccalaureate certification.

Visit http://www.unl.edu/tmfd/graduate-certificate-program-quilt-studies for more information.

FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Amanda Sikarskie, adjunct professor with the Department of History at Western Michigan University, received the 2014 Research Fellowship to study quilts made with major Asian needlework techniques, which will shed light on non-Western embroidery techniques and the role of digital tools in bringing quilt history to the public.

UPCOMING SYMPOSIUM

MAKING AND MENDING: QUILTS FOR CAUSES AND COMMEMORATION SEVENTH BIENNIAL SYMPOSIUM April 16-18, 2015

For many quiltmakers, the threads that connect them to the important milestones in life run through their quilts. Quiltmakers past and present support the causes and commemorate the lives important to them—quilts to raise money for Abolition in the 1800s, the Red Cross in the early 1900s, or the local quilt guild in the 2000s; quilts to support wars or advocate for peace; quilts to warm the wounded or welcome the newborn; quilts made to carry on family traditions or create new ones.

The speakers for this symposium are Erika Doss, Lynn Setterington, Madelyn Shaw, and Victoria Findlay Wolfe.

FELLOWS

International Quilt Study Center & Museum fellows serve as an academic governing body. Membership includes University of Nebraska-Lincoln scholars concerned with the past, present and future of quilts and quiltmaking traditions worldwide.

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International Advisory Board members and ex-officio members gather for the board's annual meeting at Quilt House in Lincoln, Nebraska, which was held June 20-21. Pictured from left, Leslie Levy, Linda Pumphrey, George Neubert, Robert James, Gül Laporte, Herbert Stoddard, Patricia Stoddard, Linda Colsh, Brenda Groelz, Martha Brownlee Wallace, Jennifer Keltner, Alex Veronelli, Alice Kinsler, Michael James, Jonathan Holstein, Xenia Cord and Ralph James.

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Docents lead guided exhibition tours for adults and children as well as staff the gallery during special events and programs.

Visitor Services volunteers interact with guests in the galleries or in the Reading Room during museum hours and special events; offer hospitality; and answer questions. By being present, they ensure visitors enjoy their experience.

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to the
Independent
Sector, one hour of
volunteer work was
valued at \$20.13
in Nebraska in
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